

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action dated March 8, 2005, the Examiner objected to various informalities in the written specification. The Examiner also provisionally rejected claims 1, 2, 9-11, 18-21, and 23 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

Claims 3-8, 12-17, 22, and 24-27 were objected to but would be allowed if suitably rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the respective intervening claims. The examiner is thanked for his careful examination of the present application and for a finding of allowable subject matter in the foregoing claims.

SPECIFICATION

The Examiner requested that the written specification be amended to include patent numbers for any applications that have subsequently issued since filing of the original specification. Applicant has amended the present application to include the requested information.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTIONS

Applicants include herewith a "Terminal Disclaimer To Obviate A Provisional Double Patenting Rejection Over A Pending 'Reference' Application" with the required fee. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 9-11, 18-21, and 23 are now in condition for allowance.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECTED MATTER IN OBJECTED-TO CLAIMS

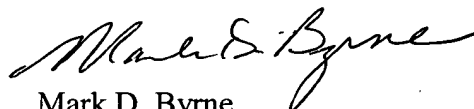
By virtue of the terminal disclaimer above, original claims 3-8, 12-17, 22, and 24-27 now incorporate the limitations of their respective base and intervening claims that have now been terminally disclaimed. Applicants respectfully assert that original claims 3-8, 12-17, 22, and 24-27 are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

All claims are now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's agent listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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